

MEETING MINUTES  
*DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED on September 10, 2007*  
**NEWPORT COAST ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Location: Newport Coast Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Room  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** The meeting was convened at 5:37 p.m. With regret, the Committee began by noting the resignation of Mr. Al Willinger from the Committee, and all expressed the Committee's appreciation to Al for his work for the Newport Coast Community, especially his dream of a Newport Coast Community Center.

The following persons were in attendance:

- Committee members: Jim McGee (Chairman), Dan Wampole and Council Members Keith Curry and Nancy Gardner.
- Members of the public: Steve Kay.
- City staff: Dave Kiff (Assistant City Manager), Wes Morgan (Director of Recreation and Senior Services), Matt Lohr (Recreation and Sr. Services Dept).

2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s).** The meeting minutes from the March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 NCAC Meeting were approved 4-0.

3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.**

- Steve Kay of Pelican Hill asked if any work has gone on in Buck Gully to minimize the risk of wildfire. Kiff explained the maintenance schedule for Newport Coast's Fuel Modification Zones, including a required May clearance event (there is a September one as well), and that almost all HOAs in the Newport Coast were compliant and working hard to prepare for fire season.

4. **Old Business**

- **Newport Coast Community Center.** Dave Kiff, Wes Morgan and Matt Lohr of the Newport Beach Recreation and Senior Services Department discussed the latest construction schedule, budget, and preliminary programming for the Newport Coast Community Center. Wes noted that the NCCC was "2 weeks ahead of schedule and on budget." Expected completion date is August 21, and community programming should begin there immediately after Labor Day 2007.

The City expects to staff the NCCC with at least one full-time person, and that staffing request is within the City's proposed FY 2007-08 Budget (to be considered by the City Council in June 2007). The City will hire custodial services and have a supervisor that drops in on the Center each day the Center is open.

Grand Opening weekend is tentatively scheduled for September 15-16, and invitations will go out, along with a special mailer to Newport Coast residents allowing 1-2 weeks lead time to register for classes at the Center. The Newport Coast HOA's social committee is assisting in the planning for the Grand Opening.

Lohr and Morgan then went over the range of classes offered, as well as the expected hours of operation for the NCCC.

- Pelican Hill Road North. In a repeat from previous discussions, the Committee discussed PH Road North issues, including the larger engineering effort to fix the turn permanently -- Committee members asked to be involved in this discussion with Public Works. They also suggested reviewing the digital sign (and its terminology) to make sure that truck drivers realize that the proper entrance for the Pelican Hill Resort is at PH Road South.

McGee and others noted that the City should review the current surface quality of the road and then monitor it through September 2008 to ensure that the remainder of the construction at PH Resort not adversely impact the road surface. McGee asked why more of the street parking couldn't be moved on the Resort site.

- Newport Ridge Park Softball Fields. Dan Wampole and Wes Morgan talked about fixing the surface of the eastern softball field at Newport Ridge Park - both Morgan and Wampole agreed that it needed some improvements even after the current contractors were done with the ballfield relocation. Problems mentioned included inadequate drainage, breaks to the sprinkler system along with a sprinkler box in the wrong place, mound surface and height, and the quality and type of grass. Morgan said he would be working on it with the City's General Services Department and bring it back to a workable good condition.

**5. Issues/Action Items for Future Meetings.** The Committee suggested that Kiff place the following issues on the July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 (or later) meeting agenda:

- Presentation by Captain Jim Kaminsky and NBPD Officer Jeff Lu relating to patrol/traffic issues in the Newport Coast (an annual update).
- A meeting with representatives from the Pavilions market
- A broader discussion of the City's "Smart-Timer" irrigation controller program, including Hydropoint - how it's working, what problems may exist, how to remedy them.
- Entryway Monument on the northern entrance to Newport Coast via Newport Coast Drive

**6. Adjourn to Next Meeting.** The Committee adjourned at 6:30 p.m. and set its next regular meeting for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 at the Newport Beach Central Library's *Friends Meeting Room*.